

**SAN DIEGO DX CLUB**  
**BULLETIN**



July 2009

**Fernando de Norona.**



**Join us at**  
**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd**  
**July 22, 2009**  
**Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M**



**Program: Bob N6OX will talk about his recent trip to ZY0F Fernando de Norona.**

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## From the Prez.....

Wayne Zimmerman NN6R



Hi everybody. The new slate of officers is off and running. We just need to all get running in the same direction. I want to take this opportunity to thank Glenn, K6NA for his stewardship as President this past year. I look forward to his counsel on the Board.

I know a number of you were at the July 4 Bash in memory of "Uncle Ed", W6KUT. The honor guard was very impressive and I'm sure he would have been impressed with the number of people who showed up to pay respects. I never knew there could be so many different Chili dishes to be judged. Some were very creative.

DX has been a little on the slow side the past few weeks. The absorption has been high and that has had a lot to do with it. I see we had some sun spots starting a few days ago so hopefully you will be seeing some good openings by the time you receive this bulletin.

If everything stays on track we should be hearing the 5T/G start up on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July through the 28<sup>th</sup>. It would be great if we could get some propagation during that time for that "rare" one which hasn't been on in a long time. Power failure for the East Coast during that time wouldn't hurt either.

I have not been apprised of anything new on the "antenna" ordinance being reviewed in San Diego. Perhaps summer vacations have slowed things down, however I will report when I hear anything.

Be sure you put the Summer Bash on your calendar for August. It will be Aug 23 at Jim's (W6YI) place in Valley Center. Beside good food and camaraderie, it will be a great opportunity to drool over his fantastic antenna farm. We look forward to seeing you there.

I would especially encourage everyone to be sure to attend the July club meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Board of Directors will have concluded their meeting by then and there are a number of issues that need to be put before the membership for final approval. In addition, Bob N6OX will talk about his recent trip to ZY0F Fernando de Norona.

In the meantime - - - DX IS

Wayne NN6R

### San Diego DX Club Policy

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#### DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

**Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!**

## Secretary's Minutes

Leon Helms N6VS



## Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of June 1, 2009 3591.40

Income

- Membership dues 10.00
- Contributions to legal fund 1850.00

Expenses:

- Copying of brochure 15.40
- Liability Insurance 320.00

Bank balance June 30 5116.00

Petty Cash on hand 20.00

Balance checking & Petty Cash 5136.00

## San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. Our President Glenn Rattmann, K6NA called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present were 32 members along with 4 guests, K6AR, W6GRK, W5COM, N6KIM.

Glenn mentioned the board's thoughts about a possible dues increase and moving the start time 15 minutes earlier, and then gave a summary of the status of the San Diego Tower Ordinance (We are still waiting on the Cities reaction to our proposed ordinance). Gail, K6GO with the advice of the board has prepared a brochure about our efforts for distribution to the other San Diego ham clubs.

Glenn opened the floor for additional nominations for the club officers for the coming year. There were none, so a motion was proposed and passed that the recommendations of the nominating committee. Therefore the incoming officers are:

President: Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R

VP: Gayle Olson, K6GO

Secretary/Treasurer: Leon Helms, N6VS.

Board of Directors:

Harry Hodges, W6YOO

Tom Myrick, N6JOJ (continuing)

Jim Stevenson, W6YI (continuing)

In place of the usual top ten presentations, John K6AM presented the final totals for W6KUC and retired his country totals to the SDDXC Hall of Fame.

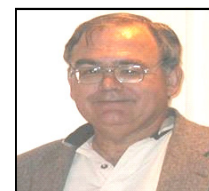
When challenged by Gayle K6GO, Howard KY6LA brought out his wallet and offered to match anyone's donation towards our legal fees. A small melee ensued as the other members attempted to empty Howard's wallet.

The DX roundup contained tales of DX appearing at unusual times and places, participation in the recent contests, announcements of field day plans and reports of contacts from the recent 50 MHz openings.

The evenings program presented by Jim K6ZH, was a photo presentation of his recent visit with Eric, VY1EI, who is now THE active HF contester from the Yukon, followed by a presentation of the 7QP contest operation that he, Bud N7CW, and Bruce K0YW did from K6ZHs "vacation home" in Goldfield, NV and concluded with his adventure of being part of the PJ2T team for ARRL DX CW contest this past February. This lead to a short discussion on the possibility of Curacao becoming a separate entity next year and whether the locals would be the first to put it on the air, or there would be a Scandinavian invasion.

## THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



### A TRIBUTE TO UNCLE ED, W6KUT

CATEGORY	C-D	CFM	WKD	ZONES
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MIXED	335	387	388	40
PHONE	335	372	373	40
CW	334	339	339	40
SAT	0	0	0	0
RTTY	190	190	243	40
160	119	119	122	29
80	247	254	271	40
40	325	326	334	40
30	266	266	295	40
20	334	382	385	40
17	255	255	285	40
15	297	324	333	40
12	236	236	277	40
10	264	264	302	40
6	0	0	0	0
2	2	3	3	0

TOTALS

(TBC)	2345	2429	2607	349
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With this issue of the top 10, we are retiring W6KUT's final scores and enshrining them in the Top Ten Hall of Fame. They were last updated in 2005, so there are probably a few new ones that aren't included. Ed was at or near the top in virtually every category, not only within the San Diego DX Club, but worldwide.

For many years at Visalia, when we called for the holders of the highest DXCC totals to stand up, W6KUT would always be the last one standing. Ed's phenomenal DX'ing career spanned eight decades. He leaves a legacy that will be impossible for any of us to ever match.

## We need Elmers, NOW!!!

(submitted by Gayle Olson K6GO)

The origin of the term "Elmer" is as follows: the term "Elmer"--means someone who provides personal one on one guidance and assistance to would-be hams, new hams and old hams new to our club who may want to learn something new like contesting. Elmers have been referred to as "the unsung fathers of Amateur Radio."

"Too frequently one hears a sad story in this little nutshell: 'Oh, I almost got a ticket, too, but my Elmer, moved away and I kind of lost interest.'"

"We need those Elmers. All the Elmers, including the ham who took the most time and trouble to give *you* a push toward your license, are the birds who keep this great game young and fresh."--*Rick Lindquist, N1RL*

As you can see, the term is not very old. Prior to the first

use of Elmer as the one who guided and encouraged us, what were these folks called? I have no idea. My research suggests: teacher, mentor, tutor, guide,



helper, sage. All are appropriate but my guess would be that first and foremost they were called friend.

There have been questions as to why the ARRL is using the term mentor as opposed to the traditional term Elmer. Ham radio does have its share of tradition and lore, and to a lot of folks it seems that the ARRL is breaking from tradition and discarding the affectionate term Elmer. Not so. Most folks outside of Amateur Radio do not recognize what an Elmer is, but they do know what a mentor is. And because the ARRL is geared toward the new ham they don't want to confuse anyone.

In the SDDX Club we do not care if you say Elmer or mentor; we want you to volunteer to be one. During recent round tables discussions, members have asked for assistance. If you would please help, step up to the plate and volunteer. e-mail K6GO and tell her you would like to be and Elmer and in what area of expertise you would like to assist a fellow club member.

## Club Officers



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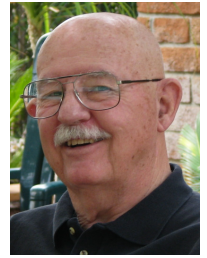
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# DX Is!!

## Just a Reminder.....

The email reflector is for Ham radio discussion only!! Please do not post messages that do not relate to ham radio in some way.

Thanks,

Tuck & Arnie





# Summer Bash 2009

**Will be held at  
Jim W6YI's  
August 23, 2009  
12:00 pm — 5 pm  
QTH listed at the "Ham Directory".**